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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98,

Applicant hereby calls to the Examiner's attention the following documents:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-167803, which was published on June 22, 2001, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicant notes that this document is mentioned on page 1 of the specification of the present application;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-76771, which was published on March 23, 2001, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicant notes that this document is mentioned on pages 2 and 3 of the specification of the present application;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-134177, which was published on May 10, 2002, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicant

notes that this document is mentioned on pages 2 and 3 of the specification of the present application;

U.S. Patent No. 6,709,783 to OGATA et al., which issued on March 23, 2004;

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0211384 to HAMADA et al., which was published on November 13, 2003; and

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0004461 to HAMADA et al., which was published on January 8, 2004.

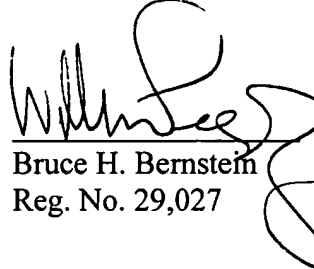
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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached and all of the documents have been listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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